GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM& FW Department – The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Act No.8 of 2021) - To Constitute the Medical Boards on Medical Termination of Pregnancy at State and District level along with powers and functions of Medical Board for implementation of the Act in the State– Notification - Orders - Issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.177 **Dated: 09-10-2023**

Read the following:-

1. From the Secretary, MoH & FW, GOI, D.O.No.M.12015/58 /2017-MCH; dt.14.08.2017.
2. The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (AMENDMENT) Act, 2021 (Act.No.8 of 2021) Gazettee Publication No.10, dated: 25th March, 2021 of the Gazette of India.
3. Gazetted Notification dated 15th September, 2021 of the Gazette of India.
4. Gazetted Notification dated 12th October, 2021 of the Gazette of India.
5. Letter R.C.No.SPL/DME/Plg./2022, dated 16.02.2022 of the DME, AP, Vijayawada.
6. From the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare and Chairman, Multi-Member State appropriate Authority (PC&PNDT) AP, Mangalagiri efile No:HMF04/47/2019-PCPNDT SEC - CHFW, (Computer No: 982042).

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O R D E R:

In the reference sixth read above, the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare,& Chairman, Multi-Member State Appropriate Authority (PC&PNDT), Andhra Pradesh Mangalagiri, has reported that, Government of India has published the Amendment Gazette Publication on the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Act No. 8 of 2021). According to the Amendment Act, State Government has to constitute a Medical Board under MTP Act as per the sub-section (2C) of section (3) to allow or deny the Termination of Pregnancy beyond 24 weeks of gestation period under sub-section (2B) of section 3 of the said Act vide reference fourth read above. He has further reported that, the Government of India has issued guidelines for establishment of permanent Medical Board in the reference first read above. According to these guidelines, the Medical Board should be formed in each district or at least in Commissionerate, so that people who need such help can easily be examined by the Medical Board.

2. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh has also reported that, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971(ACT NO.34 of 1971) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India made amendment to the MTP Rules, 2003. According to sub-section-(2) of section 1 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment)Act, 2021 which have come into force with effect from 24.09.2021. According to sub-section (2C) of section 3 of Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act i.e., "Every State Government or Union territory, as the case may be, shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Board to be called a Medical Board for the purposes of this Act to exercise such powers and functions as may be prescribed by rules made under this Act" . The Commissioner has further reported that, the Director of Medical Education has submitted the proposal for constitution of the State level Medical Board at Government General Hospital at Guntur and District level Medical Boards in all teaching hospitals in the State based on the guidelines of the Government of India vide his letter fifth read above.

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3. The Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh has requested the Government to constitute the Medical Boards on Medical Termination of Pregnancy at State and District level along with powers and functions of Medical Board for implementation of the Act in the State.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh., and hereby constitute the Medical Boards on Medical Termination of Pregnancy at State and Districts level along with powers and functions of Medical Board as directed by the Government of India in MoH&FW for implementation of the said Act in the State.

5. Accordingly the following notification shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh extraordinary Gazette dated:09-10-2023.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2C) of section 3 of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Act No.8 of 2021) the Government hereby constitute the Medical Boards on Medical Termination of Pregnancy at State and Districts level along with powers and functions of Medical Board as directed by the Government of India in MoH&FW for implementation of the said Act in the State :-

State Board :

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Hospital	Members of MTP Board	Designated as per Medical Board
1	NTR (State Board)	O/o Director of Medical Education, AP	Director of Medical Education	Chairman
		Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada	Prof & HOD Pediatrics	Member
		Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada	Prof of Radiology	Member

District Board:

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Name of the Hospital	Members of MTP Board	Designated as per Medical Board
1	Alluri sitharama raju	District Hospital, Paderu	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Paderu	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Arakuvalley	Paediatrician	Member
		District Hospital, Paderu	Physician	Member
2	Anakapalli	District Hospital, Anakapalli	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Anakapalli	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Narsipatnam	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Narsipatnam	Radiologist	Member
		Community Health Center, Chodavaram	Physician	Member

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3	Anantapuram	Government General Hospital, Ananthapur	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Ananthapur	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Ananthapur	Prof & HOD Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Ananthapur	Prof & HOD Radiology	Member
4	Annamayya	District Hospital, Madanapalli	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Madanapalli	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Pileru	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Pileru	Radiologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Pileru	Physician	Member
5	Bapatla	Area Hospital, Bapatla	Superintendent	Chairman
		Community Health Center, Nagaram	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Bapatla	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Bapatla	Radiologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Bapatla	Physician	Member
6	Chittoor	District Hospital, Chittoor	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Chittoor	Gynaecologist	Member
		District Hospital, Chittoor	Paediatrician	Member
		District Hospital, Chittoor	Radiologist	Member
		District Hospital, Chittoor	Physician	Member
7	East Godavari	Government General Hospital, Rajahmundry	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Rajahmundry	Assistant Professor, Dept of OBG & Gynec	Member
		Government General Hospital, Rajahmundry	Dept. of General Medicine	Member
		Government General Hospital, Rajahmundry	Dept. of Paediatrics	Member
8	Eluru	Government General Hospital, Eluru	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Eluru	Dept. of General Medicine	Member
		Government General Hospital, Eluru	Dept. of OBG & Gynec	Member
		Government General Hospital, Eluru	Dept. of Paediatrics	Member
9	Guntur	District Hospital, Tenali	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Tenali	HOD, OBG	Member
		District Hospital, Tenali	Paediatrics	Member
		District Hospital, Tenali	Radiology	Member
10	Kakinada	Government General Hospital, Kakinada	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Kakinada	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kakinada	Prof & HOD Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kakinada	Prof & HOD Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kakinada	Prof & HOD General Medicine	Member

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11	Konaseema	Area Hospital, Ramachandrapuram	Superintendent	Chairman
		Area Hospital, Ramachandrapuram	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Ramachandrapuram	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Ramachandrapuram	Physician	Member
12	Krishna	Government General Hospital, Machilipatnam	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Machilipatnam	Dept. of General Medicine	Member
		Government General Hospital, Machilipatnam	Dept. of Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Machilipatnam	Dept. of OBG & Gynec	Member
		Government General Hospital, Machilipatnam	Dept. of Radiology	Member
13	Kurnool	Government General Hospital, Kurnool	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Kurnool	Prof.& HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kurnool	Prof. Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kurnool	Prof. HOD Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, Kurnool	Prof. General Medicine	Member
14	Nandyal	Government General Hospital, Nandyal	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Nandyal	Dept. of OBG & Gynec	Member
		Government General Hospital, Nandyal	Dept. of General Medicine	Member
		Government General Hospital, Nandyal	Dept. of Paediatrics	Member
15	NTR	Government General Hospital, Vijayawada	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Vijayawada	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Vijayawada	Asso. Prof. Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Vijayawada	Asso. Prof. Radiology	Member
16	Palnadu	Area Hosptial, Narasaraopet	Superintendent	Chairman
		Area Hosptial, Narasaraopet	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Sattenapalli	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Sattenapalli	Physician	Member

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17	Parvathipuram manyam	District Hospital, Parvathipuram	Superintendent	Chairman
		District Hospital, Parvathipuram	Gynaecologist	Member
		District Hospital, Parvathipuram	Paediatrician	Member
		District Hospital, Parvathipuram	Physician	Member
18	Prakasam	Government General Hospital, Ongole	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Ongole	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Ongole	Prof & HOD Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Ongole	Prof & HOD Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, Ongole	Asso.Prof General Medicine	Member
19	SPSR Nellore	Government General Hospital, SPSR Nellore	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, SPSR Nellore	Asst. Prof of OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, SPSR Nellore	Prof. of Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, SPSR Nellore	Asst. Prof of Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, SPSR Nellore	Prof. of Pathology	Member
20	Srikakulam	Government General Hospital, Srikakulam	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Srikakulam	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, Srikakulam	Prof & HOD Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, Srikakulam	Prof & HOD Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, Srikakulam	Prof & HOD General Medicine	Member
21	Sri Sathya Sai	Area Hospital	Superintendent	Chairman
		Area Hospital, Madakasira	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Kadiri	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Dharmavaram	Physician	Member
22	Tirupati	SVRR Government General Hospital & GMH, Tirupathi	Superintendent	Chairman
		SVRR Government General Hospital & GMH, Tirupathi	Prof of OBG	Member
		SVRR Government General Hospital & GMH, Tirupathi	Prof of Paediatrics	Member
		SVRR Government General Hospital & GMH, Tirupathi	Asst. Prof of Radiology	Member
		SVRR Government General Hospital & GMH, Tirupathi	Asst. Prof of OBG	Member

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23	Visakhapatanam	KGH & VGH, Visakhapatnam	Superintendent	Chairman
		KGH & VGH, Visakhapatnam	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		KGH & VGH, Visakhapatnam	Prof & HOD Paediatrics	Member
		KGH & VGH, Visakhapatnam	Prof & HOD Radiology	Member
		KGH & VGH, Visakhapatnam	Prof & HOD General Medicine	Member
24	Vizianagaram	Government General Hospital, Vizianagaram	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, Vizianagaram	Dept. of Radiology	Member
		Government General Hospital, Vizianagaram	Dept. of OBG & Gynec	Member
		Government General Hospital, Vizianagaram	Dept. of General Medicine	Member
		Government General Hospital, Vizianagaram	Dept. of Paediatrics	Member
25	West Godavari	Area Hospital, Tadepalligudem	Superintendent	Chairman
		Area Hospital, Tadepalligudem	Gynaecologist	Member
		Area Hospital, Tadepalligudem	Paediatrician	Member
		Area Hospital, Tadepalligudem	Physician	Member
26	YSR Kadapa	Government General Hospital, YSR Kadapa	Superintendent	Chairman
		Government General Hospital, YSR Kadapa	Prof & HOD OBG	Member
		Government General Hospital, YSR Kadapa	Asso. Prof Paediatrics	Member
		Government General Hospital, YSR Kadapa	Prof & HOD Pulmonology	Member
		Government General Hospital, YSR Kadapa	Prof & HOD General Medicine	Member

According to Rule 3A of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Rules, 2021, the Powers and Functions of Medical Board are given under,-

a) **Powers of the Medical Board:**

i. to allow or deny termination of pregnancy beyond twenty-four weeks of gestation period under sub-section (2B) of section 3 of the said Act only after due consideration and ensuring that the procedure would be safe for the woman at that gestation age and whether the foetal malformation has substantial risk of it being incompatible with life or if the child is born it may suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities to be seriously handicapped;

ii. co-opt other specialists in the Board and ask for any additional investigations if required, for deciding on the termination of pregnancy;

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b) **Functions of the Medical Board:**

i. to examine the woman and her reports, who may approach for medical termination of pregnancy under sub section (2B) of section 3;

ii. provide the opinion of Medical Board in Form D with regard to the termination of pregnancy or rejection of request for termination within three days of receiving the request for medical termination of pregnancy under sub-section (2B) of section 3;

iii. to ensure that the termination procedure, when advised by the Medical Board, is carried out with all safety precautions along with appropriate counselling within five days of the receipt of the request for medical termination of pregnancy under sub-section (2B) of section 3.

6. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri and Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director of Health and Family Welfare& the Mission Director (NHM)
A.P.Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Registrar, A.P., Nursing Council, Vijayawada
The Principals of Govt. Nursing Colleges (through DME, AP)
All the Heads of Departments (through Director of Medical Education, A.P).
All Superintendents of Teaching Hospitals (through Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada)

Copy to:
The Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, GOI, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi-110011.
The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Printing Wing), Vijayawada with a request to publish the same in the A.P. Gazette and send 200 copies to Government and 100 copies to the Director of Health and Family Welfare, A.P. Mangalagiri, Guntur Dist / the DME, AP., Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, I & PR Department.
The Secretary, Indian Nursing Council, Combined Councils Building, Kotla Road, Temple lane, New Delhi-110002.
The Chairman, High Power Committee, Vijayawada.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HFW & ME)
P.S to Special Chief Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
PS to the Secretary to Government (Covid-19 , M&V) HM&FW Department.
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